

Mrs. Powers' Condition Now Reported Good

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Mrs. Barbara Powers, the 27-year-old wife of U-2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers, was described by her doctor today as in good condition and "in excellent spirits" at Georgetown University Hospital.

She was admitted yesterday in unconscious condition.

Dr. G. E. Schreiner of the Georgetown Hospital staff said Mrs. Powers recovered consciousness last night, slept well and ate a normal breakfast this morning.

Cause Still Studied

He said determination of the cause of her condition is still being studied and probably would not be revealed by the hospital.

Mrs. Powers will remain in the hospital for at least the next day or two, Dr. Schreiner added, since she is to receive further diagnostic tests.

"She is communicating well and we feel everything is going right along on schedule," Dr. Schreiner said.

Her husband, released from his Russian prison in a spy exchange last February, was at her side most of last night. The couple has been living at Hunting Towers in Alexandria while Mr. Powers has continued his duties with the Central Intelligence Agency.

"Upset" Blamed

He called for an ambulance early yesterday and Mrs. Powers was taken in unconscious condition to Alexandria Hospital and later transferred to Georgetown. Her condition was described as "very serious" when she was first taken to the hospital. The official statement said she was suffering an "acute gastro intestinal upset."

However, Police Lt. Nelson Rickey of the seventh precinct said investigating officers were told Mrs. Powers was being treated for an overdose of approximately 28 nembutal tablets, a barbiturate drug. This report was recorded at the precinct.